

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

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1. A method for installing a tile comprising the steps of:
providing a support within the footprint of and proximate to the outer perimeter
of the tile;
providing a first border along a first edge of the tile;
10 providing a second border along a second edge of the tile wherein the second
edge is substantially orthogonal to the first edge.

2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising maintaining the position of the first
border relative to the second border.

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3. The method of Claim 2 wherein maintaining the position of the first border
relative to the second border comprises:
connecting a first end of the first border to a cross tie; and
orthogonally connecting a first end of the second border to the cross tie.

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4. The method of Claim 2 wherein maintaining the position of the first border
relative to the second border comprises connecting a first end of the first
border to a first end of the second border.

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5. The method of Claim 2 wherein maintaining the position of the first border
relative to the second border comprises:
providing a connector at a first end of the first border;

providing a complimentary connector at a first end of the second border;
and
connecting the complimentary connector to the connector.

5 6. The method of Claim 1 further comprising providing a facia between the first border and the second border.

7. The method of Claim 6 wherein providing a facia comprises:
extending the first border to a tapered transition line; and
10 extending the second border to the tapered transition line.

8. The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of providing a support within the footprint of the tile comprises the step of providing a ledge along the first border.

15 9. The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of providing a border comprises providing a raised surface along a support ledge.

10. A tile installation fixture comprising:
20 support rail;
first border along the support rail; and
first connector substantially at one end of the support rail.

11. The tile installation fixture of Claim 10 wherein the first connector comprises a
25 connector compatible with a cross-tie.

12. The tile installation fixture of Claim 10 wherein the first connector comprises a right-angle connector of a first type.

13. The tile installation fixture of Claim 12 further comprising a second right-angle connector of a second type and wherein the second type of connector is complimentary to the first type of connector.

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14. The tile installation fixture of Claim 10 further comprising a facia extension that continues past the support rail.

10 15. The tile installation fixture of Claim 14 wherein the facia extension extends to an imaginary tapered extension line extending outward from the end of the support rail.

16. The tile installation fixture of Claim 10 wherein the support rail comprises a ledge along the border that is lower in elevation than said border.

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17. The tile installation fixture of Claim 10 wherein the border is a raised surface along the support rail.